(xxii) Periodical safety drives are conducted to inculcate safety consciousness among the staff and road users.

(xxiii) A pilot project of Anti Collision Device (ACD) has been sanctioned for Northeast Frontier Railway. Trial of prototype ACD equipment has been started. After successful completion of this pilot project, a decision would be taken for its application on other routes of Indian Railways.

(xxiv) Stringent penalty to the extent of dismissal/removal from service is being imposed on officials causing serious accidents.

Food Plazas at Nampelly and Secunderabad Railway Stations

4690. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Central Railway propose to open Food Plazas at Nampelly and Secunderabad Railway Stations, as a joint venture with fast food giants of the country;

(b) whether Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation is planning to set up such Plazas on more stations in different Railway Zones;

(c) if so, the number of stations to be provided this facility; and

(d) whether Government would consider Vishakhapatnam as one of the places, in view of high density of people at the Railway station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. plans to set up Food Plazas at 25 Railway stations over Indian Railways. However in the first phase it has been decided to set up Food Plazas at Delhi Jn., Hazrat Nizamuddin, Mumbai Central, Pune, Agra Cantt., Howrah, Chennai, Bangalore City, Jaipur, Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Gorakhpur stations. For the present,

there is no proposal to set up Food Plazas at Vishakhapatnam Railway Station.

Security on rail tracks

4691. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the rail tracks are encroached by people and animals due to lack of security; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to increase security on rail tracks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Rail tracks have not been encroached, but Railway land near the railway tracks being in the shape of long and narrow strips, are vulnerable to encroachments and trespasses by people as well as animals at many places. Railways are, however, vigilant in this regard. While instructions already exist for removal of encroachments and prevent trespasses on railway land as per the extant procedure, strict instructions have been given to the Zonal Railways to ensure that no fresh encroachments take place and trespasses are prevented.

Encroachment upon railway land

4692. SHRI ANANTA SETHI:
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large areas of railway land have been encroached at different places;

(b) whether all such lands have been identified;

(c) if so, action taken to get back these lands; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?